

# MISSOURI RECORD

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# MSD Mourns the Death of Two Teachers

**Trish L. Halverson**, age 53, beloved teacher and friend died this past summer in a motorcycle accident while traveling with her husband in the state of Washington. Trish was an outstanding teacher and compassionate about teaching deaf students. Her love of students not only brought her into the classroom but she spent many hours out of the classroom with students. Some of the students recall some of the out of class activities they shared with Trish.

- in the evenings when she brought her telescope for them to view the universe, and
- on her journeys when she wrote in journals, on postcards, or made purchases to share with them
- through her character as a volunteer at school and in the community.

A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church, July 11 and another special service was held August 27 for staff and students in Ingle Auditorium at the Missouri School for the Deaf.

After the services at MSD, joined by Trish's husband Scott and daughter Tami, the entire student body enjoyed lunch together on the front campus and viewed the magnolias that had been planted in memory of Trish in the Alice Court-yard.

Trish started at MSD as a teacher aide October 7, 1985. In 1992 she left MSD to pursue her teaching degree. She returned to MSD as a teacher on August 30, 1993 until the time of her death.

Trish was a treasure to MSD and we are richer for the experience of having known her. She will live in our hearts forever.



**Trisha Halverson**



**Shelden Whitaker**

**Shelden D. Whittaker**, age 38, of Fulton, Mo. and formerly of Perry, Illinois died Wednesday morning (Oct. 13, 2004) at his residence of natural causes. He was born April 29, 1966 in Pittsfield, Illinois son of Harvey "Shad" and Maxine "Pete" Shelden Whittaker.

Shelden was a 1985 graduate of Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. He graduated from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. with a bachelors degree in Psychology and then attended the University of Kansas, receiving his Masters in Education in 2002. He taught at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, Kansas as well as being a part time teacher for Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. In 2003 he moved to Fulton, Missouri and taught at Missouri School for the Deaf as well as William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

Shelden was an athlete. In high school he was involved in football, basketball, and track and held the school record in the high jump. While in college, he was sports editor of the Gallaudet University school paper. He was an assistant coach in football, basketball and track at the Kansas School for the Deaf. He started teaching at the Missouri School for the Deaf on November 10, 2003.

He loved sports. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Rams fan and enjoyed sports trivia.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 17, 2004, at the Airsman-Hires Chapel in Griggsville, Illinois. Burial was in Hebron Cemetery in Brown County, Illinois.

A memorial service was held in Ingle Auditorium, October 20, 2004. Superintendent Garrison said, "In his passing, we will always remember the love and passion he showed for his profession. He touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed."

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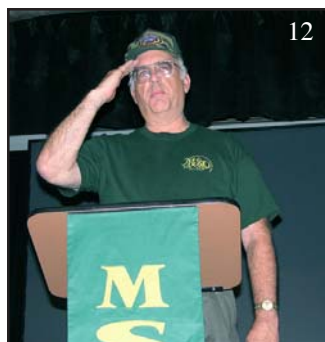
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# Superintentionally *by Barbara Garrison*



## MSD Honors 911

In the face of the attacks of September 11th, 2001, we grew more united and more determined than ever before to defend our liberty.

Events like this one give us the chance to say thank you to our service men and women — and to their families — who make great sacrifices on behalf of their fellow Americans. You're standing watch for freedom and protecting the rights and liberties that we hold dear. America is safer because of the men and women who devote themselves to military duty.

The most amazing thing about our men and women in uniform is that even as they fight to defeat terror, they still have an enormous capacity to bring friendship and compassion to people who desperately want a better life.

In nations formerly oppressed by fear and torture, the United States of America is delivering hope. It comes in many forms. For some, hope is a clean-water well dug by U.S. Army engineers. For others, it is a school refurbished and opened for the first time to young girls. And parents are profoundly grateful that their children have warm winter coats — bought in a store near a U.S. military base and delivered thousands of miles away to families in need.

You are the face of American compassion abroad. You will have a greater impact than you can ever imagine on people that you will only know for a brief time. But you have delivered the greatest gift they will ever know — you've sacrificed your own comfort, your own safety, and your own lives so that others might know freedom.

We will never forget your commitment, nor will we forget the men and women who have fallen in service to America. They've made the greatest sacrifice for peace. Their spirit lives

on in the hearts and minds of a new generation of children who cherish the values they fought for.

Our men and women in uniform amaze us with their courage. They inspire us with their compassion and so do their families. Our entire nation appreciates the sacrifices military families make as they support their loved ones and our country.

Today, we want the message to come through loud and clear to the men and women who served or are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world:

We support you. We believe in you. We thank you.

## 2004-2005 School Year

MSD has gotten off to an exciting school year. Our maintenance, custodial and support staff had a very busy summer. In addition to their regular work schedule, they did an extraordinary job renovating offices and classrooms and moving our middle school into the Wheeler Building. The entire project was completed with minimal disruptions and in fine style and right on schedule.

Within the first month of the 2004-05 school year we hosted five major events—the Halverson Memorial; a visit from the members of our State Board of Education, DESE Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners; a 9-11 Celebration; Fall Homecoming with our guest and rival, KSD; and the MSD Board of Advisors first meeting. In addition, students and staff marched in a parade and performed at a rally celebrating the city of Fulton's 9-11 Remembrance.

MSD began the school year with enrollment at the same level as this time last year and we anticipate serving more children this year.

We received an increase in our operating budget. The budget reflects an

increase in state funds and a decrease in federal funds.

The campus-wide emergency warning system has been installed in all buildings.

Two of our buildings (Student Services and the Coates Career & Technology Center) have new roofs and the Rice building is undergoing an asbestos abatement.

Our swimming pool has a new pump and our kitchen has a new walk-in freezer. The Printing, Computer Graphics and Woodworking classrooms of the Career and Technology Center have new equipment updating them with the equipment necessary to train students for competitive employment. The Media Center has upgraded media production equipment, computers and software technology and we bought a new bus accommodating 71 passengers.

The 2004 yearbooks were mailed to the 2004 graduates.

MSD is proud to be Missouri's program for bilingual/bicultural education for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students and to serve as a Resource Center for you, the families and public schools.

## New Year for MSD Family

- We have come together for two memorials in honor of middle school teachers that passed away — Trisha Halverson and Shelden Whittaker.
- We honored three staff members that retired — Judy Basteen, Cynthia Simmons and Roy Morris.
- We have celebrated "Soaring Eagles" that have also been selected as DESE Employees of the Month.
- We have been invaded by electricians and other contractors as the installation of our new emergency warning system nears completion.
- We have stood strong through the consolidation of our middle school and high school classrooms.



- We have hosted a meeting of the State Board of Education.
- We have revived our SCPI program.
- We have rejoiced at the completion of the asbestos abatement in Rice, Gross and Hale Halls and the new roofs on Coates and Student Services.
- We have hosted a visit from mainstreamed students from all over the state for the drama presentation "Night of the Livid Dad." (See pages 24-25 for pictures)
- We have welcomed the new Legislators for an informational tour of MSD.
- We have witnessed the rebirth of the Charitable Foundation of MSD.
- We have cut trees and planted seedlings.
- We continue to collect and analyze data related to NCLB and MSIP.

I could continue listing MSD activities during the first half of this school year as this list certainly is not complete; however, looking at this list causes me to pause, say "WOW" and then give thanks. I am so thankful for our MSD family. Each of you is a special gift! Your skills, talents, tolerance and experience are the gifts that you give to MSD! "Family isn't about whose blood you have. It's about who you care about..." (*Trey Parker and Matt Stone, South Park, Ike's Wee Wee, 1998*) and it is obvious that each family member cares about MSD.

I keep a favorite book in my office entitled "Apples of Gold" and from that book, I want to share with you a quote that I believe describes the attitude of our MSD family:

**"Do all the good you can.**  
**By all the means you can.**  
**In all the ways you can.**  
**In all the places you can.**  
**At all the times you can.**  
**To all the people you can.**  
**For as long as you can."**

### History Day Competition

Two of our students participated in the local History Day competition and are now on their way to the State Competition. Carlos and David created a powerpoint presentation on the History of Deaf Education.



Carlos



David

National History Day is not just one day, but a year long education program that makes history come alive through educator professional development and active student learning.

The judges were impressed with the boys work and gave them several suggestions for improving their documentary. The boys handled the questions from the judges with a great deal of maturity.

State competition will be held in April at Missouri University in Columbia, Missouri. If the boys win the state competition, then they head for the National contest that will be held in College Park, Maryland on June 12-17th.

MSD congratulates Carlos, David and their sponsor Miss Lucille Blackwell.

### 2005 Graduation Speaker

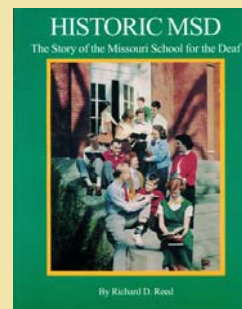
Dr. Barry Critchfield, Missouri's new Director of Deaf Services with



Dr. Barry Critchfield

the Department of Mental Health, will be the 2005 commencement speaker. Dr. Critchfield has been working with DMH on an interim basis until he relocates to Missouri from Columbia, SC early this summer. He is known nationally for his leadership in establishing a model program of DMH services delivery to deaf/hh patients. Missouri is looking forward to his

## A Special Thanks to Dick and Marthada Reed



Dick and Marthada Reed have donated the remaining copies of "*Historical MSD: A History of the Missouri School for the Deaf*" to the Charitable Foundation for MSD and the MSD Parents Organization. Hardbound copies sell for \$25 and softbound copies sell for \$20. To order, contact: Charitable Foundation for MSD [stephen\\_pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephen_pastor@sbcglobal.net) MSD Parents Organization [dwolfe@msd.k12.mo.us](mailto:dwolfe@msd.k12.mo.us)

arrival and MSD is proud that he has agreed to participate at this year's graduation.

### Sympathy Extended to MSAD

In January three of Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf teachers and one Special Education Program Assistant were involved in a fatal car crash where, Bonnie Protextor, a middle school teacher was killed. Two others injured were Dawn Hill and Paula Schnoor. The relationship between these women increases the intensity of this tragedy as Paula and Dawn are the nieces of Bonnie. Bonnie has three children enrolled at MSAD and Michele, driver of the car, is a close personal friend as well as a colleague.

MSD's staff, students and faculty send their sympathy to the school and families of those involved. They are like us at the Missouri School for the Deaf — a small and close staff.



# Opening of School

## Judy Basteen Receives Ingle Award



Superintendent Garrison (left) and Allan Ensor (right) present Judy Basteen with the coveted Truman L. Ingle Award.

The 2004-2005 school year opened with three staff members retiring: Judy Basteen, Roy Morris and Cindy Simmons.

Judy Basteen started her career at MSD January 1, 1982 as the school audiologist, retiring August 31, 2004. Judy received the coveted Ingle Award for her years of service and many accomplishments throughout her career at MSD.

In 1985, she initiated the Auditory Trainer Loaner Bank for Missouri public schools to use. Today, the loaner bank houses over 400 personal FM auditory trainers which are issued annually to public school children with hearing loss. In addition, there are 8 classroom soundfield systems available. The service was provided at no cost to Missouri public schools until 1996, when it was converted to a rental program on a cost recovery basis to assure its ability to meet future demands.

In 1992, she received a \$3,000 grant and used it to purchase Hearing

Aid Monitoring kits. Over 325 kits were distributed across the state to school personnel enabling them to do more effective daily listening checks on hearing aids.

In 1995, she started the Lion's Club Hearing Aid Loaner Bank. Over 350 hearing aids have been collected, refurbished, and distributed to hearing impaired children in Missouri at no charge to the parents or schools.

Also in 1995, she was responsible for initiating legislation action that resulted in the banning of mercury hearing aid batteries in Missouri.

In 1994, 1996, and 1997 Judy made humanitarian trips to Russia.

On all three trips combined, she delivered approximately 600 hearing aids and earmolds, auditory trainers, 2 real ear systems, and other supplies to Russian deaf or hard of hearing children. All supplies and services were solicited by Judy from American manufacturers and provided free to the Russian children. In addition, Russian hearing health professionals received

training from Judy and the American professionals who accompanied her.

In 1997, Judy initiated the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Task Force. The activity of the task force in 1999 resulted in the signing of House Bill 401 which mandates universal newborn hearing screening in Missouri.

—Allan Ensor

**Roy Morris** began his career at MSD August 17, 1979, retiring August 31,



2004. Roy was an MSD 1964 graduate of the Missouri School for the Deaf, majoring in baking under the instruction of Leonard Taylor.

Roy returned to MSD in 1979 to become an instructor in the baking department located in Coats Complex. Just walking into Coats with the aroma of baked goods floating down the corridors was a pleasant experience.

Roy joins his wife Sharon who retired from MSD in 2003. He still has ties to MSD through their daughter, Marie Birch, who is a staff interpreter.

**Cindy Simmons** spent over 25 years working for the State. Prior to coming



to MSD she worked at the Fulton State Hospital. She began her career at MSD October 10, 1989, retiring May 31, 2004. Cindy

was a dedicated employee and kept the floors sparkling in the gym. Her other responsibilities included the Administration offices and Ingle Auditorium. If you ask Cindy how many seats were in Ingle Auditorium she would probably reply, "Thousands!" because over the course of 15 years she cleaned them thousands of times," said her supervisor Laura Rice.

We wish them all well in their retirement years.





# MSD Welcomes New Staff Personnel



**Dr. Amy Fleetwood**  
*Audiologist*



**Sarah Neumann**  
*Middle School Teacher*



**Jamie Weeden**  
*Middle School Teacher*



**Leslie Eldred**  
*High School Teacher*



**Kimberly Boone**  
*Elementary School  
Teacher Aide*



**Melanie McCray**  
*High School  
Teacher Aide*



**Susan Maddox**  
*Middle School  
Teacher Aide*



**Pat Council**  
*Media Secretary*



**David Anderson**  
*Media Aide*



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# MSD's Soaring Eagle Awards

MSD recognizes employees monthly through nominations by their peers and committee selection. Recipients of the "Soaring Eagle" award are also nominated for the DESE Employee of the Month. MSD's monthly "Soaring Eagle" award winners are also eligible for the annual "Soaring Eagle" award.

MSD is proud to have five of their "Soaring Eagle" recipients to have been chosen as the DESE Employee of the Month (see page 9).

The Missouri Record went to press last spring before the announcement of Janet Healy as April's recipient and Sharon Egbert as May's.

**April, Janet Healy** — Mrs. Healy is tireless in her efforts for deaf students.



Through the development and maintenance of various programs, she has created innovative learning experiences for students. Her desire is to provide students with "roots and wings."

Mrs. Healy is definitely on a mission...to teach students better and help them accomplish lifetime goals of reading, writing, communicating, and developing skills for their future. Her creativity in designing her lesson plans and her skills as a caring teacher are exemplary!

**May, Sharon Egbert** — Sharon always puts the welfare and needs of her students and staff first. She spends a great deal of time fostering the concept of teamwork and interdependence throughout the school. Thanks to her, the high school is run in an orderly and efficient manner with a pleasant environment.



Sharon is very talented at recognizing personal strengths in her staff and utilizing those strengths to benefit our students. Her leadership and organizational skills have gotten Wheeler staff through some tough times and improved the learning environment for our students and staff. Sharon succeeds in bringing out the best in both the students and staff. She puts MSD first.

**September, Scott Horton** — Scott has been employed at MSD for 9 years.



When problems arise, he has a quick and accurate remedy for them. Remediation takes place evenings, weekends and holidays even when

he is scheduled to be off work. He and only he maintains our entire campus computer system. He works mostly behind the scenes and we don't see much of him, but think of the majority of days that you come to work and have access to your computer. Our computer system is rarely down and the rare time that the system is down, it is only for a short period of time. In addition he is a skillful instructor. Scott truly goes above and beyond.

**October, Patsy Craghead** — For more than 20 years she has quietly, but effectively served students, faculty and staff as Librarian. She is the originator of the 'Reading is Fundamental' program and the annual Book Fair. This year Patsy had a huge task of combining the middle and high school libraries. She did not complain and used time during her summer break to accomplish the task. Patsy spent many long hours inputting data to transition our school's library to a computerized system using bar code check-out.



**November, John Jacobs** — "When talking with John about an idea of



improving an area or replacing an item, he is willing to listen and he will consider the idea. As a result of this many campus

improvements and upgrades have been made by John and the maintenance department. As problems surface, it's good to know John and his staff are keeping our campus in top condition."

**December, Barbara Bonsall** — Barbara was faced with many



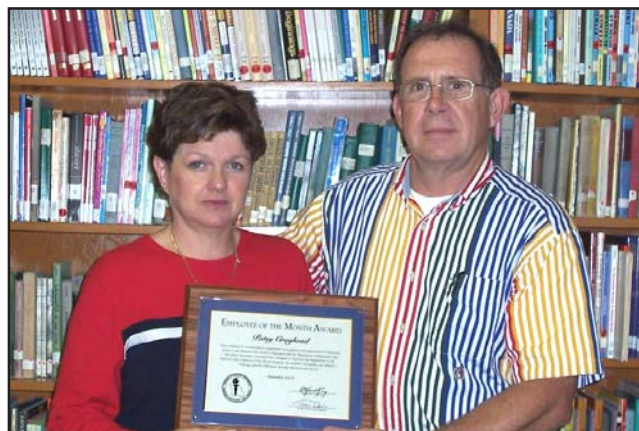
challenges while her supervisor was out on maternity leave. During this time, she was responsible for all the duties in the Human Resource area. Barbara was equal to the job, overwhelming as it was at times. Her personality is natural for the HR office. She is caring, efficient and personable.

**January, Sharon Hayes** — Sharon has worked many hours and attended numerous training sessions to improve MSD's web page. She has done so with a professional and outstanding attitude. In addition to her work with the web page, Sharon has helped things run smoother in the Maintenance Department. You can always count on





# “Soaring Eagles” Named DESE Employees of the Month



**Left:** Scott Horton receives the DESE Employee of the Month for October from Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Commissioner for DESE. **Right:** Patsy Craghead receives the DESE Employee of the Month for November from MSD’s Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean.



**Left:** Barbara Bonsall accompanied by Superintendent Barbara Garrison receives the DESE Employee of the Month for January from Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Commissioner for DESE. **Right:** Sharon Hayes, February recipient, center displays her DESE plaque shown with Business Manager Tom Zengel, Maintenance Engineer John Jacobs, Computer Specialist Scott Horton and Superintendent Barbara Garrison



**Above:** Barbara Jones (center) poses with her DESE Employee of the Month award with Mary Althiser (left) and Janet Healy (right).

her to follow-up on situations with a simple phone call to ensure proper procedures are followed.

**February, Barbara Jones** — When thinking of Barbara, the following words come to mind— she is diligent, she is a hard worker, she is precise, she is energetic, she is resourceful, she is innovative, she is constantly challenged, she is creative and enthusiastic. She always goes the extra mile in everything she does for students and staff.

Barbara goes out of her way to enhance educational opportunities. She is always ready to find additional resources to complement lesson plans developed by teachers. She makes

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# Class of 2005



**David**  
*Columbia*



**William**  
*Fulton*



**Monielle**  
*St. Louis*



**Damon**  
*St. Louis*



**Brannndon**  
*High Hill*



**Stephanie**  
*Joplin*



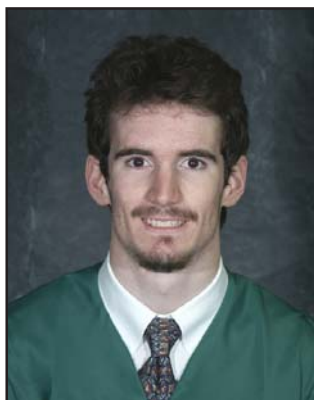
**Frances**  
*Fulton*



**Rachel**  
*Fulton*



**Timothy**  
*Fulton*



**Cory**  
*Joplin*





# Class History

**David** was born April 27, 1986 in Lamar, Colorado. Prior to entering MSD he attended Perry and Center Public Schools. He entered MSD September 4, 1991. While a student at MSD he was involved in a work study program. He worked at Break Time 3 days a week. He learned important work skills and gained valuable experience for his future. After graduation he plans to attend a six week vision training class in Kansas City and then to Arkansas for continued education.

**William** was born May 11, 1986 in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Prior to entering MSD he attended Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. He entered MSD May 2, 1994. While a student at MSD he was involved in Student Council (3,4), Outdoor Club (4), Jr. NAD (3), Basketball (1,2,3), Track (2,3,4), Cross Country (2,3). When he graduates he plans to attend Southwest Central Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) to major in math or auto body.

**Monielle** was born March 25, 1986 in St. Louis, Missouri. Before entering MSD she attended St. Louis public schools. She entered MSD September 7, 1993. While a student at MSD she was involved in Jr.NAD (1,2,3,4) National Honor Society (4), Girl Scouts (4), Volleyball (2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Cheerleader (1,2,3,4), GPSD Basketball Cheerleading (4), All Tournament Team 2005. When she graduates she plans to attend NTID/RIT in Rochester, New York.

**Damon** was born August 22, 1986 in St. Louis, Missouri. Before entering MSD he attended Gallaudet School in St. Louis, MO. He entered MSD September 6, 2000. While a student at MSD he was involved in Inspiration of Sign (1,2,3), Work Study program (3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Football (1,2,3), Track (1,2). When he graduates he plans to get a job.

**Brannndon** was born May 16, 1986 in St. Louis, Missouri. Before entering MSD he attended no other schools. He entered MSD September 3, 1991. While a student at MSD he was involved in Student Council, serving as Vice President (4), Outdoor Club (2,4), President Student Council (1,2), Signing and Drama Club (3,4), Basketball (1,3), Track (3,4), Football (1,2,3,4), Vice President junior class (3), Vice President Senior class (4). His future plans are uncertain.

**Stephanie** was born October 11, 1984 in Joplin, MO. Prior to entering MSD she attended Carl Junction and Joplin Public schools. She entered MSD August 17, 2004. While a student at her previous school she was involved in Family Career and Community Leaders of America (2,3). While at MSD she was involved in Student Council (4), National Honor Society (4), Drama (4), A+ program (1,2,3,4), Track (1), Special Olympics (2,3), Cheerleader for football (4), Manager for Basketball (4), Parliamentarian for FCCLA (3), Secretary for the Senior Class (4) and Work Study Program (4). She plans to finish college and become a teacher for the Deaf when she graduates.

**Frances** was born September 19, 1986 in Mexico, MO. Prior to entering MSD she attended Jonesburg Elementary School. While a student at MSD she was involved in Jr.NAD (1,2,3,4), SADD (1), NHS (3,4), Academic Bowl (1,2), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Cheerleading (4), Jr. and Sr. Class President (3,4), Jr.NAD President (3). She plans to attend National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology when she graduates.

**Rachel** was born December 31, 1985 in Greenville, South Carolina. Before entering MSD she attended no other schools. She entered MSD January 3, 1990. While a student at MSD she was involved in Jr. NAD (3 years), Student

Council (2 years), SADD (1 year), Girl Scouts (3), Volleyball (2), Class Treasurer of the Sophomore class. When she graduates she plans to enter college in Columbia, Missouri in the field of computer technology and photography.

**Timothy** was born February 18, 1987 in Osceola, MO. Before entering MSD he attended Sedalia public schools. He entered MSD September 1, 1997. When he graduates he plans to get a job and spend time with his family.

**Cory** was born July 22, 1986 in Joplin, MO. Prior to entering MSD he attended Joplin public schools. He entered MSD August 20, 2001. While a student at MSD he was involved in National Honor Society (2,3,4) and served as Vice President of NHS (4), Outdoor Club (2), Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Vice President of the Senior Class (4). He plans to attend college when he graduates.



# Special Events

## MSD Remembers 911

On September 10, 2004, MSD honored the 175th MP Battalion of the Missouri National Guard, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and our MSD employees who are veterans. Students had the opportunity to share letters written by the troops and the National Guard had an opportunity to tell us of the work they have done with children and civilians abroad.

MSD also participated in a parade and rally, September 11, sponsored by the city of Fulton. The ceremony surrounded area fire departments and was held in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Bluff Street. The MSD Signing Eagles performed "God Bless the USA" for the participants.



*Top right:* Rochelle reads a letter she wrote to one of the troops stationed in Iraq. *Center left:* Kira and Haley sign "God Bless the USA" in the Wal-Mart parking lot. *Center right:* Superintendent Garrison welcomes Lieutenant Commander W. Haggler of the 175th Military Police Battalion as MSD's guest speaker. *Left:* Members of Fulton's Honor Guard. *Above:* After his speech Business Manager Tom Zengel salutes the military personnel present at the 911 ceremonies.



## State Board of Education Visits MSD

MSD hosted the members of the State Board of Education, DESE Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Eagles' Nest on MSD's campus.

After a presentation by Superintendent Garrison, students led a tour of the campus. The visitors were most impressed with our students, the beauty of the campus, the elementary cottages, the consolidation of the middle school and high schools into Wheeler Hall and the MSD museum.



*Top:* Superintendent Garrison presents "State of MSD" report to the State Board of Education. *Bottom left:* Brittney and Johnny conduct a tour through Wheeler Hall — the group stops to observe a classroom. *Bottom right:* "Gannon House Shines" as Alexandria (Alex) shows off the cottage to our visitors.

## MSD Welcomes Missouri Legislatures



*Above:* Representative Dani Moore, State Representative, District 20 is welcomed to MSD. *Right:* Superintendent Barbara Garrison greets a freshman legislator before the tour begins on MSD's campus.

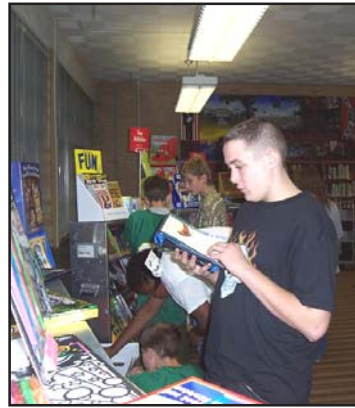
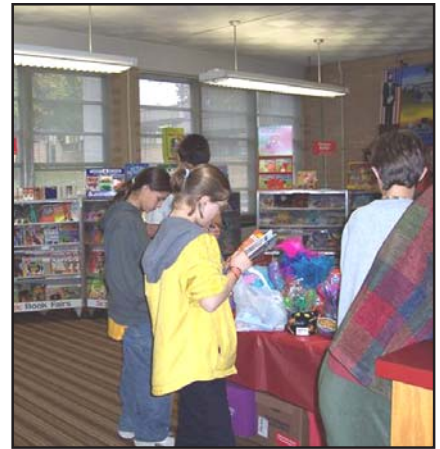




# High School/Middle School

## Fall Scholastic Book Fair

The library sponsors the Scholastic Book Fair two times during the school year. During the fall all of the books at the fair are full price. The library uses any “profit” made from the book fair to either select books for the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF\*) program or we take the profit in cash to add to the RIF\* bank account. In the spring all of the books and items at the book fair are half-price — which gives everyone a chance to stock up on lots of books to read for the summer.



*Top right: Middle School students Rosie, Valen, Heather and Zackary look over the many items that were for sale at the Scholastic book fair. Above left: Elementary student Scotty finds something amazing in the book he purchased at the Scholastic Book Fair as Elizabeth looks on. Above center: Middle School student Cleve finds a book to his liking — in the background Dominic and Tyler also find some books. Above right: Vocational teacher Dawn Culbertson, sits down with Mary and Tonya to go through a selection of books*

## Student Council Blood Drive



In the fall Student Council sponsored its annual Red Cross Blood Drive where a collection of 16 pints was donated. In the winter another drive was held with a collection of 21 pints.

Pictured above is Ron Danuser (foreground) and Matthew Arnold (background) donating blood.

Right: Looks like Kevin Spencer enjoys giving blood.





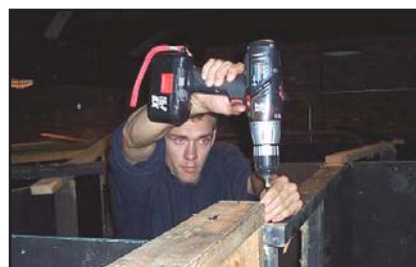
# Halloween

by Ron Danuser

Once again, October has colored the trees and the spooks have taken over the Scout Cabin. After a year's hiatus, the MSD Monster Makers Spooktacular returned. 2004 marks the Spooktacular's 4th year at the Scout Cabin, each year increasing in size and quality.

The MSD Monster Makers (MMM) was formed by Ron Danuser and Kevin Spencer to allow students a way to learn valuable planning, team work and construction skills and also provide the MSD students with a unique Halloween experience. What has grown from those modest goals is a tradition that the students eagerly look forward to. Each year a group of dedicated high school students commit almost a month of their evenings and free time to help plan, construct and run the Haunted House. Building on what was done the previous year, the project is continually expanding and coming closer to a professional level haunt. The students learn about team work, construction and dedication through hands on experience and through this they take great pride in their accomplishment.

The haunt was open two nights and the public was invited. With a \$2 admission the Monster Makers earned \$291 which it donated to the Jr NAD. Based on the delight of those screaming their way through and comments made once outside, this was judged to be MSD's best Haunted House in memory.



*Top: The whole cast after two scream filled nights. Center left: Cage Monster — A nasty beast tries to get at passers by. Center right, top: Dylan and Jarell work on constructing the haunt. Center right, bottom: Ryan works on framing up the walls. Bottom left: Witch — The witch was the favorite of the young ones. Bottom right, top: Mad Scientist — The mad scientist and evil Transformation Box. Bottom right, below: Plate Beast — One of the many monsters that lurked in the shadows.*

## College Day

The Missouri School for the Deaf held their annual College Day on November 4, 2004 in Wheeler High School's individual classrooms. Almost all high school students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of colleges and agencies.

The representatives were from Gallaudet University, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), Florissant Valley Community College (FVCC), Johnson County Community College (JCCC), Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), Missouri Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH), Vocational Rehabilitation, Leadership thru Education and Advocacy for the Deaf (LEAD).

The day went smoothly on second floor at Wheeler Hall and it was very quiet. The representatives ate lunch at the MSD cafeteria and continued to talk with students to answer their questions. Students were able to get many of their questions answered and learned more about the colleges and services. It will be up to each of the students to make a decision on which path to go after they graduate from MSD.

—Ellen Foshay



Becky Beck (left) from Leadership thru Education, Advocacy for the Deaf (LEAD) and Kim Davis (above) from the Missouri Commission for the Deaf (MCDHH) present their programs.



Above: After the workshop from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf located in Rochester, New York — Nick, Monielle, Helen, Kevin and Dylan fill out information cards.



## Renown China Painter Visits Mrs. Healy's TNT Class

Nancy West, local china painter, again volunteered her time and skills to help some middle school and high school students create china painted gifts for Christmas presents.

One of the new techniques Mrs. West taught them was a special china painted "tie-dye" effect on some ornaments. Everyone always enjoys Mrs. West coming as she brings with her new ideas and techniques to share!!

Mrs. West returned in February to teach Mrs. Healy's TNT class the art of mixing pen oil with china paint to create designs on their lamps.

—Barbara Jones



Above: In the foreground high school student Angelo works on his project while Nancy West helps Rosie and Janet Healy helps Brenda — Valen works on her ornament.



# Signing Eagles Perform in Jefferson City

January-February, Signing Eagles dramatize the rise, achievements and challenges of the Civil Rights Movement in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Jefferson City, Fulton High School and MSD. The torch, as expressed by our students, represents freedom, justice, integration and equality for everyone through non-violent protest, legislation and love.

On January 12, at the Central Missouri Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration in Jefferson City, Kira had the opportunity to meet Governor Matt Blunt. She asked him, "What is your plan to raise the economy for the education and staff in schools?" He paused for a moment and then he said, "I'm still working on the budget to do that — and that is a good question." She then told him to keep her posted and shook his hand to say goodbye.

**Top right:** Kira and Governor Matt Blunt at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. **Right:** Signing Eagles — Chetara, Terra, Jarrell, Johnny, Kevin, Monielle, Angelo, Bethany, Nikki and Kira.



## Black History Month Celebrated at MSD

The production given February 25 at MSD, emphasized the unified response of citizens to Dr. King's appeal to meet violent denial of civil rights through non-violent protest. Other students not pictured who participated in the drama are Haley, Brittany, Damon, Brannndon, Brian, Stephanie, Mary, LaDaya, Tabatha, Nick. The program was under the direction of teachers Lucille Blackwell and Priscilla Robinson.

**Right:** Nikki, Kevin, and Terra exercising the freedom and responsibility to vote, an achievement of the Civil Rights Movement for all citizens. **Far right:** Johnny, Angelo, Monielle, Jarrell enacting the "Strange Fruit" of lynching as sung by Billie Holiday.



# Learning About China and India Barbara Jones

Middle School students in Ms. Julie Bower's Social Studies classes studied about China. Students Tadd, Brenda, Zach, DaShawn, LeQuisha, Tyler, Cleve, Cody, Dominic and Madison learned about Chinese customs and life in a different country.

Some videos from the MSD Media Department were watched to actually see some of the countryside of China, people, work, dress, food, etc. Interesting class discussions followed about the differences between Ancient China and America.

After reviewing class information, the students were tested on their knowledge about China. Students who passed the test (with an A or B) were treated to a noon Chinese buffet at the China Palace Restaurant in Fulton. Students attending were: Tadd, Brenda, Zachary, DaShawn, Tyler and Madison. Julie Bower and Jill Haus, teachers, also attended.

All students tried eating with chopsticks and tasted several kinds of Chinese food. For dessert they received a fortune cookie with a fortune inside to share.

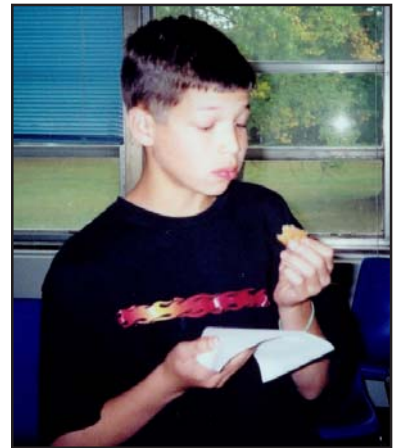
Julie's class also studied the culture, traditions and history of India ... for a special treat at the end of the unit, the class made "Poori" (India fry bread) and Chai Tea, which was shared with middle school students and staff!

**Right:** Tadd, Barbara Jones and Brenda check the recipe and mixing ingredients for fry bread, a staple in India.

**Far right:** Dominic taste the bread — does he like it or not?



*Top:* Jill Haus, Madison, DaShawn and Tadd sample Chinese Food. *Above:* Brenda and Zach try their hand at eating with chop sticks.





## National Honor Society Activities



*Above:* 2004-2005 NHS members Kneeling: Kevin, Monielle. Standing: Helen, Stephanie, Nick, Dylan, Frannie, Cory and guest speaker for the spring induction, Shauna Morgan. *Top right:* Faculty, staff and invited guests enjoy a bountiful meal. *Below right:* Guest speaker Leslie Eldred pictured with her husband Mike Eldred and their children.



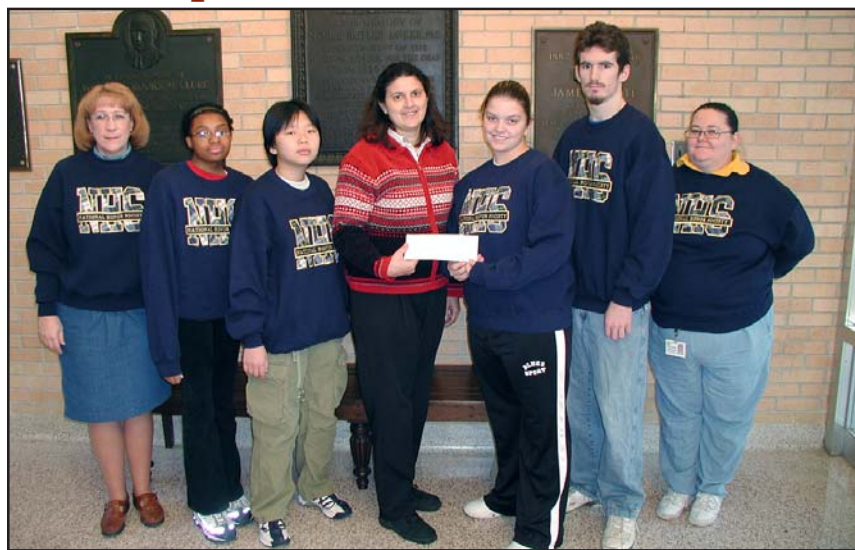
**N**ational Honor Society inducted six new members during the 2004-2005 school year. Fall inductees were Helen, Monielle and Kevin. Spring inductees were Stephanie, Dylan and Nick. These young adults have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and community service.

For the fall induction Leslie Eldred, MSD alumni and now a first year teacher at MSD was the guest speaker. She reminisced about her time as a student here and lamented the fact that she graduated the year before the MSD Chapter of National Honor Society was established. Leslie challenged the students to be good leaders and to be active in community service.

For the spring induction the guest speaker was Shauna Morgan who is a social worker intern under Sharon Brown in MSD's Resource Center.

Thanks goes to the National Honor Society Faculty Committee members Lucille Blackwell, Debbie Ripley, Naomi Spencer, Kevin Spencer and David Haus. Special thanks to Luke Hegadorn for preparing a delicious meal for us to enjoy.

## NHS Responds to American Red Cross



*Above:* Betty Sullivan, NHS sponsor; Monielle, Helen, Red Cross Director Ann Johnson, Frannie, Cory and Lucille Blackwell, NHS sponsor. Not pictured: Kevin.

The Missouri School for the Deaf chapter of National Honor Society contributed funds for hurricane victims. When students and sponsors discussed what community service projects they wanted to contribute to — contributing to the hurricane victims was supported unanimously. They sold pins and stain glass name plates to raise the money. Funds were given to the American Red

Cross who has responded to the needs of those on the East coast hit hard by the fall hurricanes.

Ann Johnson, Director of the Fulton chapter of American Red Cross, informed the NHS students that this was the worse national disaster that the American Red Cross has ever had to respond to.

—Betty Sullivan, Sponsor



# Employment Training Opportunities

The MSD Career and Technology Center, under the direction of David Haus, has created a SWAT (Supportive Work and Training Team) made up of local business leaders and parents. The SWAT team's mission is to enhance employment training opportunities for MSD students.

Students in the high school are getting on the job experience in a variety of locations this school year. Current employers of our students working off campus are: Taco Bell, McDonalds, Break Time Convenience store, a local group home, Pizza Hut, Dollar General and the YMCA. In addition to the off campus training, some students are working on campus as aides in the elementary department. This experience is allowing our students to practice skills that have been taught to them in school. The program is part of a COOP agreement with Vocational Rehabilitation.

Students are able to earn school credit for this valuable off campus experience.



*Above: Damon mixes dough at the Pizza Hut. Above right: David polishes one of the glass doors at Break Time. Right center: LaToya checks the condiment counter at McDonalds. Right: Mary mans the cash register at Taco Bell.*

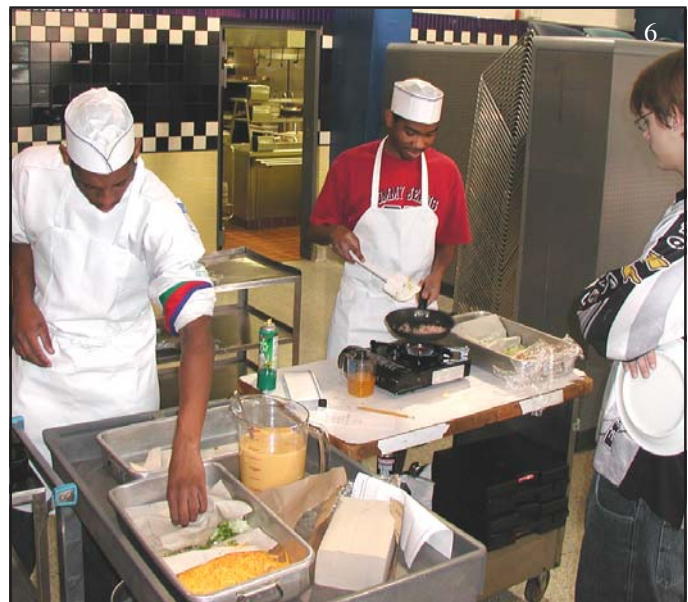
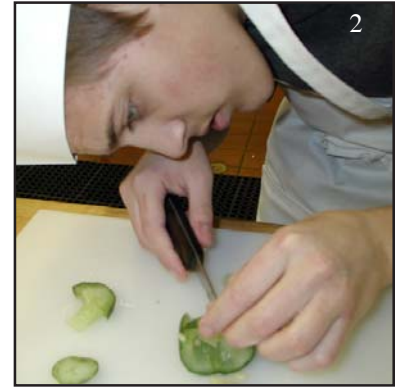


# Culinary Arts

Starting in the Spring Semester 2005 in the Coats Vocational Complex students were offered a new class in the field of Culinary Arts with Kevin Voelker as the instructor.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics the food service industry is the largest private sector employer in the United States today. By the year 2005 the demand for professional chefs was projected to grow by 38 percent.

Kevin Voelker came to MSD as a professionally trained chef. He has designed a program for students wishing to pursue a career in the food service industry. They receive a well-rounded education in the culinary arts. All classes focus on the art of cooking, nutrition, kitchen efficiency, importance of visual appeal, a variety of cooking styles, preparing home cooked meals for a family, proper equipment and appropriate table settings to planning delicious menus.



1. Instructor Kevin Voelker demonstrates how to make cucumber garnishes to Jon and Cory. 2. Keith tries his hand at creating a cucumber basket. 3. LaToya and Helen stir up a pot of cheese soup — in the inset LaToya gets ready to sample the soup. 4. Kevin Voelker demonstrates how to roll out dough to make tart shells to LaToya and Helen — the finished product is pictured in the inset. 5. Matt and Jon grate cheese to be used in omelets. 6. Damon (left) and Brian (right) had the unique experience of preparing omelets to the specification of each student in McKee Dining Hall — David anxiously awaits his.

# Laura Catherine Redden Searing

## Birthday Celebration

"You say that my songs are sad ones,  
But O, is the world not sad?  
How the sobs follow swift on laughter,  
Before we have time to be glad!"  
—Laura Redden Searing 1840-1923

In February, under the direction of Lucille Blackwell, and under the inspiration of author, Judy Yeager-Jones, the high school students at the Missouri School for the Deaf paid tribute through drama about the life, writings and poetry of Laura Redden Searing. Laura was a Civil War journalist who wrote under the pen name of Howard Glyndon. It is with a great deal of pride that MSD can boast that she graduated from here in 1858.

Drama teacher, Lucille Blackwell, said this drama has taken on a new approach. Eleven students posed as mannequins, in a frozen position. Each student came to life and presented a monologue about the letters, poems and articles written by Laura and her personal life. Included in some of the portrayals are Michael Brennan, the man she was to marry who passed away before they could be married; General Ulysses S. Grant, John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln, Superintendent Kerr and female students portraying Laura reading poems she had written. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Ripley's students for the art work and murals, and to Eddie Ross for props used in the play. A more detailed description of each picture follows: 1. Damon portrays Dr. William Dabney Kerr who was very strict with the students and staff. They had to daily line up military style.



*Top left:* Brannon as Dr. William Dabney Kerr first superintendent of MSD. *Top center:* Nick as General Grant. *Top right:* Stephanie as an older Laura. *Bottom left:* Kyle as John Wilkes Booth. *Bottom center:* Monielle as young Laura Redden. *Bottom right:* Angelo as Michael George Brennan a successful artist.





*Top left: Kevin as Abraham Lincoln and Brittany as Laura. Top right: Haley as a young Laura. Below left and right: Kira as "Songbird".*

Any student or staff member misbehaving was put in a corner as punishment. Kerr took Laura Redden under his wing when she joined MSD. **2.** Nick was Abraham Lincoln the 16th president of the United States who served our country from 1861-1865. **3.** Stephanie as an older Laura recites a poem "Christmas Greetings" written to her son. **4.** Kyle played the part of John Wilkes Booth. The gun he holds was made by students in Mr. Ross' woodworking class. One Stark student pointed out that the gun had no trigger. Sharp young lady! John Wilkes Booth was a good friend of Laura Redden. She was sad to hear of his death after he killed President Lincoln. **5.** Monielle portrayed young Laura Redden. Laura loved horseback riding. She wrote vivid tales of racing across the open plains. Monielle made up her own poem based on what she had learned about Laura. **6.** Angelo played the part of Michael George Brennan. Brennan was a successful artist. He drew cartoons for the British magazine "Punch." Brennan met Laura in Italy. She left her traveling trunk with him to return to the United States, promising to return again soon. Unfortunately, he passed away before they could be reunited. **7.** Kevin was Abraham Lincoln and Brittany played Laura Redden. Laura interviewed many people during the Civil War, including Lincoln and his wife Mary. She was a war correspondent for a St. Louis newspaper and traveled to many camps interviewing soldiers and generals. **8.** Haley plays a young Laura Redden. Laura's favorite book as a young girl was Lalla Rookh. In the picture Haley is standing in front of a mural painted by Mrs. Ripley's art students. The mural is on display in the Farquahr Library. **9-10.** Songbird played by Kira. Laura wrote a short story entitled "Realm of Singing." This story is considered to be an autobiographical analogy. Students watch as Kira retells the Realm of Singing in picture ten.

# The Night of the Livid Dad

MSD Drama class presented "The Night of the Livid Dad" in the Fall to a packed audience, that included nearly 100 visitors made up of students who were deaf or hard of hearing, their teachers, interpreters and families. Invitations were sent to school districts throughout the state with Deaf programs and was so successful it will become an annual event.

The play was about a paranoid father, who is anything but happy to discover his daughter is going on her first date. The second performance was opened to the public. Students from William Woods University Interpreter Training classes served as voice only interpreters. The class was under the direction of Lucille Blackwell, English teacher at MSD.

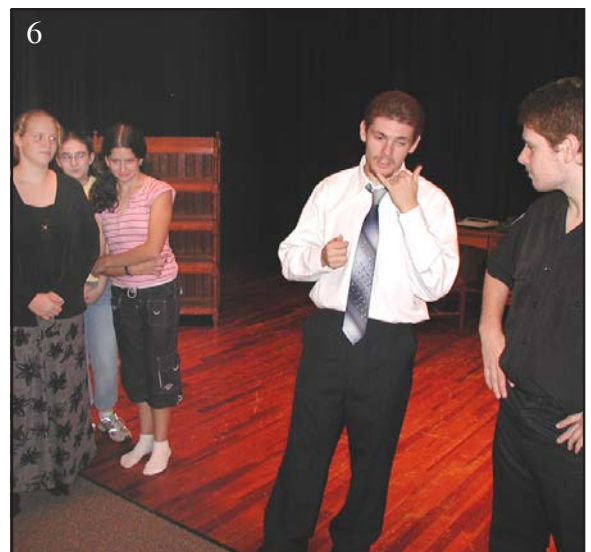
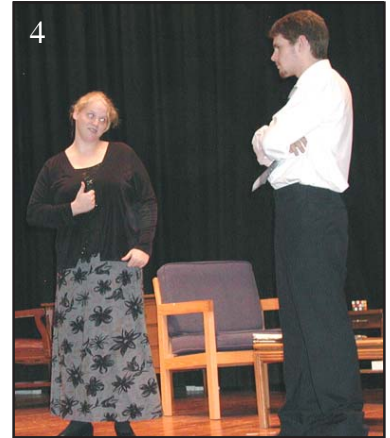
Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean said "This is an opportunity for all of us to see and appreciate the beauty of using American Sign Language in stage performances. American Sign Language is an enormous and invaluable means of communication in many ways. The sky is unlimited to whomever desires to learn ASL and it opens an avenue bringing together two worlds — Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Hearing."

Nick played the part of the Livid Dad. Kevin played five different parts of the boyfriends: The Nerd, Police Officer, Surfer, Biker Dude and a Nice Kid. Kira was the mother, Mary was the daughter who was about to have her first date, Haley played the younger daughter and Brittany played the part of the younger daughter's friend.

The following article was written by Hannah Johnson a student from Missouri University's Journalism School about the play.

## Talking Hands

The audience sits quietly as it waits for the curtain to rise. Soon, the  
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(1) Kira and Nick in the opening scene. (2) Kevin as the Surfer. (3) Kevin (the Nerd), Mary (daughter) and Nick (Livid Dad). (4) A dispute between Nick and Kira over the discipline of the youngest daughter played by Haley. (5) Nick Wolfe (father). (6) The Livid Dad meets the policeman played by Kevin as Kira, Haley and Brittany watch the action in the background.





(7) Kira (mom), (6) Kevin as the Surfer. (7) A dispute between Nick and Kira over the discipline of the youngest daughter played by Haley. (8) They played to a full house. (9) Haley uses the TTY to make a 911 call resulting in punishment for her as Brittany looks on. (10) Brittany and Haley play a game of cards. (11) Nick stomps on the Nerd's foot in an attempt to cancel the date for the evening. (12) The Nice Kid (Kevin) comes to pick up his date the daughter played by Mary while the father (Nick) accepts the fact that his daughter is dating.

# Destination Imagination Team Takes Second at the Central Region Tournament *by Jill Haus*

Take a machine invented by students. Have an unusual event happen. The machine is changed, and the world will never be the same again! That is exactly what the Wheeler Middle School Destination Imagination team did in their program, "Sudden Serendipity."

Destination Imagination is a program that promotes creative problem solving. Students are challenged to take a "problem," come up with their own solution, and present the solution in a skit using their own style. Everything in the solution must be brainstormed, discussed, decided, and created by the members of the team. No outside interference is allowed. Learning to write plays, design machines that can do several tasks, sew, paint, act, and dance are a few of the skills the team developed. Students take their solution to regional tournaments, where they are judged for how well they solve the problem, and how creatively they do it.

This year's team members are Ashley, Brenda, Cleve, Rochelle, Rosie, Valen, and Zachary. Jill and David Haus are the team managers, and Julie Bower is the team interpreter. The problem they chose to work on was called, "Sudden Serendipity." The team had to create a machine that could do up to three tasks (like lifting, turning, lowering). They had to create a skit that focused on the machine. Something unexpected had to happen to change the machine into

a new machine that did something different. Then the team had to present two points of view about the new machine in the skit.

The team created a skit about two girls (Valen and Rosie) who had a homework assignment. They had to write about an invention from the future. In their frustration, they went to the fortune telling booth at the mall to get ideas. The machine Zachary invented flipped, turned gears, and connected a switch that turned on the fortune teller's booth. The fortune teller (Rochelle) tried to help, but the machine began to shake. She disappeared, and two characters from the future (Brenda and Ashley) appeared. They showed the girls how the broken machine could be used to throw mail through people's windows. The girls then danced to Cleve's recorded drumming, and returned to the future.

At the Central Regional Tournament on March 5 in Wright City, MO, the team performed their skit. They also participated in an Instant Challenge, which is problem solving on the spur of the moment. The team enters a room, the judges give them a situation, and the team must create ideas in a very short time. Our team took first place in the Instant Challenge portion of the competition in their division. Overall, the team places second. They will move on to the State Tournament on April 9 in Joplin, MO!



**Above:** The team poses after competing at the Central Regional Tournament. Front row: Team Manager Julie Bower, Valen, and Brenda. Second row: Team Manager Jill Haus, Rochelle, Ashley, Rosie, and Zachary. **Right:** The girls try on the costumes they designed and sewed. L to R: Rosie, Ashley, Valen.





This year's version of the Brain Bowl had the theme of *State the Facts*. The committee of Nancy Carr, Dawn Culbertson and David Haus searched many sources to put together good questions and make the presentation fun. The power point presentation by Nancy Carr had many graphics to assist in showing the answers to the teams and audience members. This was an educational experience by all involved.

Teams were chosen by the captains in the cafeteria by choosing students that volunteered to be on a team. One teacher was also chosen for each team.

The teams were called Hawaii, Florida, Movie Stars from California and Sunbathers from California. The captains were Monielle, Brannndon, Kevin and Kyle. Team members and fans in the audience were encouraged to dress up and support their favorite team.

After a round robin competition, the two top teams moved into the championship. The teams Florida led by Brannndon and Sunbathers from California led by Kyle made it to the final round. The other two teams tied for third in a close contest for the championship round. The championship competition was challenging but

the Sunbathers pulled ahead and won the competition. This is Kyle's third year on the championship team. He has dreams of making it four.

The members of the runner-up Florida team included Brannndon, Tars, Jarrell, Brent, Brenda and staff member Jamie Weeden. The Champion Sunbathers included Kyle, Nick, Johnny, David, Valen and staff member Carol Adams. After the championship match, everyone enjoyed some delicious snacks prepared by our dining room staff and served by our Jr. NAD members.



## Brain Bowl 2005: State the Facts by David Haus



1. Sunbathers — Valen, David, Kyle, staff member Carol Adams, Johnny and Nick. 2. Florida — Brannndon, Jarrell, Tars, Brent, staff member Jamie Weeden and Brenda. 3. Hawaii — Staff member Sarah Neumann, Brittany, Monielle, Carlos, Ashley and Stephanie. 4. David Haus presents participation certificates to Movie Stars from California — Staff member Leslie Eldred, Haley, EmmaLee, Kevin, Nikki and William.



## Boy Scout Camping and Trail Construction

In February the scouts accompanied by Scoutmaster Kevin Spencer and Assistant Scout Master Ron Danuser headed to Pine Ridge State Park in eastern Boone County to build approximately one half mile of new trail for the Forest Service. The trail connects two existing trails, thus forming one large loop. Despite cool and drizzly weather the mission was completed.

1. Ron Danuser demonstrates the proper way to cut a log.
2. Donte' places a marker on a tree.
3. Cooking in cold and rainy weather didn't hamper the boys appetite.
4. Off for a hike in Pine Ridge State Park.
5. Steven, Tyler, Cleve, Donte', Tadd, Cody, Michael, Kevin Spencer and Ron Danuser clean up along the roadside near the campsite.
6. Boys clear and cut small trees and brush along the new trail. *Inset: Cody cuts a limb to make marker visible.*
7. Tadd and Michael wait for their turn outside the tent while Steven and Tyler set up their sleeping bags.





# Elementary School

## Presidential Elections held at the Elementary School



During the 2004 presidential elections students and staff from the Elementary School held mock elections.

Students from Matthew Arnold's fifth grade class were selected as the candidates. Kiara for the Democratic party and Nathaniel was the Republican candidate.

Prior to the elections students in Nancy Woods' class made posters and signs, while Mary Karnes class made the ballot box. The candidates learned how to campaign and held several debates.

There was a whirl of excitement when election day arrived. As students voted, results were posted in the hall-

way and all eyes were on the graph displayed there. As the votes came in there seemed to be a discrepancies and the Democratic party called for a recount. At that time Kiara had 17 votes and after the recount she had 18.

When the polls closed at 3:00 the students were held in suspense and did not know who had won until the next day. During lobby time the following day the results were announced. The winner was Kiara with 30 votes and Nathaniel with 27.

It was a wonderful learning experience and one that students or staff will never forget.

**Top right:** Nathaniel congratulates Kiara upon being elected president.

**Bottom left:** Confusion on the election floor as both political parties assemble for the morning speeches — Joseph in the background holding two balloons, Lori and Nathaniel in front center watching the younger students grab for the balloons.

**Bottom right:** Students line up to enter the voting booth.

## Elementary Student Wins National Poetry Contest

Congratulations are due Victoria and Seville. Last November, two MSD students — fourth grader Victoria and third grader Seville were among the five district winners in the Fulton Garden Club's Poetry Contest.

The students' poems were then sent to compete for the state award and the winners were announced at the state's annual convention. The poems of the state winners' were submitted into national competition.

Victoria was selected as the winner of the National Garden Club Poetry Contest and was presented the award before students and staff October 20 in Ingle Auditorium.



### FLOWERS

I like flowers  
Flowers smell good.  
Beautiful colors.  
Sweet smells in summer.  
Grows from seeds.  
I love flowers.



*Above left:* Victoria signs her poem to the audience. *Right, top:* Victoria pictured with her proud family. *Right, below:* The audience cheers Victoria.

## Stark Students Celebrate Halloween



This year Stark students took a short time out to "trick or treat" campus wide to the joy of students and staff.

*Above left:* Dressed and ready to go "Trick or Treating.". *Above right:* Superintendent Garrison is prepared and ready to pass out Halloween bags to students from Stark school. *Right:* Nancy Carr gives Skye candy while his teacher Norma Vickers teaches him the sign for "Trick or Treat."





# Santa Arrives at the Elementary School



Above: Santa arrives with his elves.



Right: Santa takes time out of find out what Jessie (seated on Santa's lap) wants for Christmas as his Elves listen intently: Nathaniel, Victoria, Jessica, Jerome and Kenrick.



Left: Debbie Burnaman, Angela Esser, Norma Vickers and Patty Ross sing/sign "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." Right: After Santa and the Elves arrived Jessica presents a "Question and Answer" time related to Santa Claus. The students had to answer questions such as what is on his feet? Answer, black boots. Next, red pants, next belt, etc. After each correct answer the Elves added that answer to the overhead via transparencies. The end result being a fully built Santa. Once Santa was built, he arrived.

## A Visit to the Mayor's Office

Students in Martha Eisenhower's fifth grade class paid a visit to Fulton's Mayor Robert Craghead (seated in picture on the right) where they learned about city government and his role as mayor of Fulton.

Kenrick (back of head), Lindsey, Matthew Arnold (5th grade teacher), Jerome, Jessica, a city official Patrick Bonnet, Kiara, Steven, Victoria (hidden behind Steven), Nathaniel, Zakary, Sevilla, and Martha Eisenhower (5th grade teacher).





# Stark Students Place 3rd in Missouri Dental Associations “Stop the Pop” Program

Missouri School for the Deaf students won 3rd place in the state wide contest sponsored by the Missouri Dental Association’s promoting dental hygiene. The theme of the contest was “Stop the Pop.” Students created a video that showed the effects of soft drinks and other sugary beverages on oral health. In order to compete the students had to complete the project on their own under the direction of the health education teacher, Karen Barnhart.

Each student received a package of oral hygiene supplies as a prize.

—Mary Ann Herring

Front row: Nathaniel. Second row: Zakary , Victoria, Kenrick, Steven, Lindsey. Third row: Jessica, Sevilla, Kiara, Jerome.



## Columbia Fire Department Visits Campus

The Columbia Fire Department brought a smokehouse trailer to Stark School. The trailer had been modified so that students had a real experience of crawling through smoke. The firemen took each class into the trailer and explained a smoke alarm. He then filled the trailer with fake smoke. The alarm went off and the students crawled through the door and outside to safety.



Above: Matthew Arnold’s class lines up to go through the house. Right: Students learn to crawl through a smoke filled room.





# Brain Quest

Brain Quest Club is an after school academic club offered to MSD students in the 4th and 5th grades. Most activities of the club focus on science. This year, students have enjoyed activities connected with air pressure, chemistry, force, simple machines, and static electricity.

1. Kenrick and Jerome learn about air pressure. 2. John, Kenrick, Lori and Kate Saltzman prepare for a balloon race. 3. Jerome demonstrates static electricity. 4. Lori, Kenrick, and Kate Saltzman demonstrate that salt melts ice. Now we will have ice cream. Yum! 5. Lindsey, Zakary, and Kenrick experiment with air pressure. They huffed and they puffed! Did the balloons blow up?



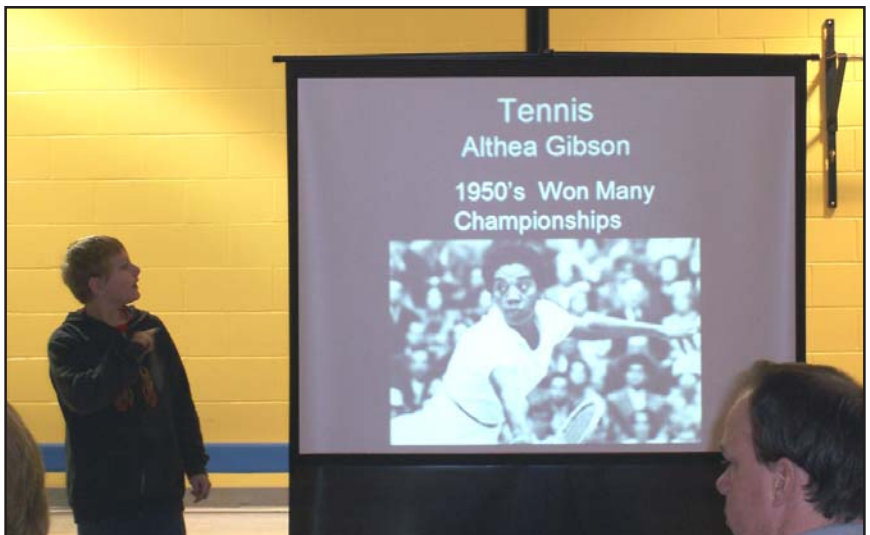
## Martin Luther King and Black History at Stark School

The 5th graders presented a Martin Luther King and Black History program in February. Mrs. Eisenhower's class made a power point presentation about famous black Americans. Learning how to make a power point presentation was fun. Mr. Arnold's class made a claymation movie depicting Martin Luther King's famous, "I Have A Dream" speech.

Discovering how to create a movie using these techniques was a trial and error event. Many recordings and props were made before the students were pleased with the end result.

Technology is becoming an important part of the daily classroom routines. Students in the upper elementary grades learn a variety of ways to incorporate technology in the classroom. Digital photography is used in creative story telling. The internet is used to locate information for report writing. The Power Point presentation as seen in the Black History Presentation was created by the students.

—Mary Ann Herring



Nathaniel tells the students at Stark School about Althea Gibson a famous Black tennis player while they watch the recently created claymation movie.

# Alumni/MSD Family/Friends

## Missouri Deaf Bass Anglers

The Deaf Bass Anglers presented MSD with a check for \$580 in support of Deaf Youth Leadership Camp and leadership training activities through the Jr. NAD Club. The MSDA fosters and develops sportsmanship and fellowship among deaf/hard of hearing anglers and is affiliated with the National Bass Association of the Deaf.

## Jon Spencer Receives Recognition from Ovid Bell Press

Jon Spencer, son of MSD teachers Kevin and Naomi Spencer, was named "Employee of the Month" at Ovid Bell Press for the month of October 2004. This award is in recognition for outstanding performance, productivity and dedicated service.

In December, Jon was named "Employee of the Year" for the 2004 year. Congratulations to Jon and his family for a job well done.



Presenting the award to Jon Spencer (right) is John Bell (left), President of Ovid Bell Press and also President of the Missouri School for the Deaf's Board of Advisors.

## Charles Wilson Retires

We have just received word that Charles Wilson has retired after 27 years of working for the U.S. Department of Defense. Charles is a 1961 graduate of MSD and a 1966 graduate of Gallaudet University.



Front row: Phyllis Santens, Sharon Silks, Virginia Long, Barbie Davis, Shirley Mueller, Patricia Wilson and Janice Henderson. Back row: Daniel Dickman, Linford Silks, Edgar Long, Fletcher Davis, Joe Wilson, Mack Wilson, Dave Coles, Dale Wentz and Glenn Mueller. Not pictured: Valorie Hansen, Barry Santens, Kay Kinworthy, Allan Kinworthy, Tony Clark, Vernon Crabb, Nina Wilson, Debbie Donahay and Hunnue Kistner.

## Obituaries of Former Alums and Other MSD Family

**Robert Lewis Morris, Sr.**, 78, Kansas City, MO, passed away peacefully of heart failure at a Topeka hospital on



January 11, 2005. He was born September 28, 1926, in Little Rock, AR, the son of Benjamin and Lucille Roberts Morris.

He had lived in Kansas City, MO, since 1946, when he graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf. He retired as a carpenter/cabinet maker. He was a lifetime member of the Greater Kansas City Association for the Deaf, where he played, coached, and sat on the committee of various sporting teams, including basketball and softball.

He was a well-respected member of the deaf community, and was loved by friends and family afar. He is survived by three children, Carolyn Jean Hans, Topeka, KS; Rose Ann Prail, Omaha, NE; and Robert Lewis Morris, Jr.; Fulton, MO; grandchildren Jeffrey Lee Prail, Pamela Ann Duncan, Richard Lee Jeffries, Jr., Jason Wade Morris, Misty Dawn Morris, and Jamila Crystal Morris; as well as four great-grandchildren, Kayla LeeAnn Duncan, Kamisha DeeAnn Duncan, Jacob Jeffrey Prail, and Riley Vincent Prail; also his niece Sharon Kwiat,



Walnut Grove, CA.

His wishes were to be cremated and the remains spread over his parents' grave sites in Warrensburg, MO. Memorial services will be held on June 25 at the Greater Kansas City Association of the Deaf.

Remembrances may be sent to 1900 NW Lyman Rd., #221, Topeka, KS, 66608. (Arrangements under Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, Topeka, KS, 785-354-8558).

**William Lane Noel Jr.**, 80, Springfield, formerly of Moberly, passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2005, in Mercy Villa Nursing Home. William was born on May 31, 1924, in Moberly to the late William L. and Bertha (Kusmann) Noel, Sr.

He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton and is a member of the Missouri Association of the Deaf. William was united in marriage to Donna Lee Beck on April 21, 1946, in Decatur, Ill. After 40 years of service, he retired from McGraw Edison Appliance Factory in Moberly. William was a huge fan of motorcycles owning many throughout his life.

William will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Survivors include his loving wife, of the home, Donna Noel, 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 19, 2005, in the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2852 S. Dayton Avenue, Springfield, MO. 65807. Visitation one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Redeemer Lutheran Church or Springfield Lutheran School, 2852 S. Dayton Avenue Springfield, MO. 65807.

**Marjorie Catherine Barnes**, 91, of Fulton, died Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

She was born November 12, 1913, in New Florence, to the late Charles and Martha (Dyson) Wilson. She married Byron Barnes. He preceded her in death in 1994.



Survivors include a daughter, Nancy McCue of Fulton; two grandchildren and one great-great grandson of Fulton. She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Mrs. Barnes attended William Woods College and the University of Missouri. She was a teacher at the Missouri School for the Deaf for 29 years.

**Jean Adair Davis**, 85, of Fulton, died Friday, February 4, 2005 at St. Mary's



Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born September 19, 1919 in Fulton, Missouri. She was the third daughter of James and Mildred Jeffers Galbreath.

Jean was a lifelong resident of Fulton. She attended Carver Elementary School, Lincoln University High School in Jefferson City and Lincoln University in Jefferson City and Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia.

Jean first taught at the School for the Deaf on Southern University Campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She returned to Fulton September 1,

1951 and became a teacher at the Missouri School for the Deaf from which she retired June 30, 1981. She received many rewards from the school. She was a board member of George Washington Carver Memorial and president of Mother Johnson Unit of U.M.C.

Jean married Clarence Davis in January 1952. They recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. Clarence worked at the Missouri School for the Deaf for many years as teacher, coach, athletic director and principal of the Coats Vocational Complex. He later became director of the Media Department at MSD retiring from that position.

Funeral Services were held at St. James United Methodist Church on February 10, 2005.

**Audrey Lucille Spencer**, 72, Fulton, Missouri passed away Tuesday, March



8, 2005 at the Callaway Community Hospital in Fulton, Missouri. She was born November 29, 1932 in Trenton, Missouri the daughter of the late Hubert and Virginia (Graham) Witten. On December 10, 1950 she was united in marriage to Harold Spencer who preceded her in death.

She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by one son Kevin Spencer and his wife Naomi of Fulton, Missouri; one daughter Cyndra McDavid and her husband David of Holts Summit, Missouri; five grandsons, Jarvis and Jonathan Spencer both of Fulton, Missouri, Eric and Alan

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**Class of 1969** — Front row: Nancy (Colbert) Lawrence, Patty (Parks) Field, Marjorie (Skaggs) Mize, Deanna (Wolfe) Burrus, Francis (Justine) Pugliese, Ruth (Moll) Holman, Judy Collier, Janet (Benson) Neufarth, Sally (Rowe) Ragsdale. Back row: Ronald Bagby, Joy Patterson, Aaron Lange, Rose (Morris) Paril, Richard Hixson, Ella (Johnson) Eakins, Gary Pretzsch, Sr., William Holman, Billy Taylor, Darla (Hubbard) Stafford, Kenneth Cain.

## Class Reunion

The class of 1969 held its 35 year class reunion at the Boy Scout Cabin on MSD's campus Friday, September 24, 2004.

Aaron Lange and Ruth (Molly) Holmes co-chaired the event. They gave a warm welcome to all and encouraged each one to tell about their families, grandchildren and their work/retirement. Many interesting stories were shared.

Dinner was served in the Scout Cabin ending with a beautifully decorated Eagle-Mascot cake.

Joy Patterson and Aaron Lange will co-chair the 40th Class Reunion to be held in 2009.

## Reeds Attend Gallaudet Class Reunion

Retired staff members Dick and Marthada Reed flew to Washington, D.C. for Gallaudet class reunions held the weekend of October 21-23, 2004. (Marthada, a graduate of the Arkansas



Dr. I. King Jordan, President of Gallaudet University, presents the Alumni Emeriti medal to Marthada Thompson Reed, Class of 1950. About forty Gallaudet alumni of "fifty-plus year classes" were similarly honored in a ceremony held in the university's Chapel Hall in October of 2004.

School for the Deaf, is a member of Gallaudet's Class of 1950 but for this occasion she joined up with the previous year's class.) They arrived in time for Marthada to attend the Thursday evening dinner of her sorority, Phi Kappa Zeta (previously known as the

Owls"). She had a wonderful time meeting a host of old friends and classmates. One of the former MSD people she met at the dinner was Bonnie Morrison who attended MSD but graduated from the California School for the Deaf at Fremont. Many MSD



alumni and staff will recall that Bonnie's parents, Bob and Barbara Morrison, taught at MSD before moving to California.

The highlight of the trip to Washington was Marthada's induction into Gallaudet University's recently organized "Alumni Emeriti Club." The Club's membership consists of those belonging to "fifty-plus year Gallaudet classes." The Friday afternoon ceremony, held in Chapel Hall, was the very first admission of members. Marthada was one of a group of about forty people who were inducted into the Club. Each inductee was presented with an attractive medallion by Gallaudet President I. King Jordan.

Other former MSD associated people among the inductees were Paul and Peggy Baldridge and Ramon Rodriques. Paul taught printing and coached football and basketball at MSD during the 1950s. Ramon, who was Alumni Emeriti Representative at the induction ceremony, is an MSD graduate, Class of 1949.

Just a few days later, back home in Missouri, Marthada and Dick attended the interpreters' conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. At the awards ceremony conducted by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Marthada was one of several who were presented with the Commission's Lifetime Achievement Award. —RDR

#### Tommy Walker Receives Honor

Tommy Walker, MSD Class of 1959, grew up in the Bootheel. The Bootheel — so called because that's what it looks like — is an indeterminate region. It belongs to Missouri but it could be part of Arkansas. Tommy has long since left Missouri for Arkansas. He and his wife Margie, who have two grown daughters, live in Little Rock. Two grandchildren and a son-in-law have since joined the family. Tommy is active in the Deaf Community and is account manager for Sprint's Arkansas Relay Services.

For the past 10 years, Tommy has been a member of the ASD/ASB Board

of Trustees, the controlling board of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind. The Board members are appointed by the Governor of the state for five-year terms. There are five ASD/ASB trustee positions. One is a representative from the Deaf community, another is a representative from the Blind Community and the other three are at-large positions.

Having already been appointed twice by the governor, Tommy has served for ten years on the Board as representative from the Deaf community. He tells us that he is ready for retirement from that particular job. The Governor, however, had not appointed a successor three months after his term expired, so Tommy is still serving until a replacement is announced.

As a member of the Board of Trustees Tommy experienced his share of frustrations but "it was quite an experience," he says. "I had fabulous support from the staff of both the deaf and blind schools as well as the deaf and blind community — but, he

added "everyone has to step out of the ring at some point!"

That's true. But when Tommy "steps out of the ring," he will be greatly missed. —Richard D. Reed



The above 1933 class ring belonged to Chester Lachman. Chester enrolled in MSD in 1931. The ring was donated to the MSD museum by his daughter, Sharon L. Kerr. He has two Deaf daughters, Sharon L. Kerr, living in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Harriet Lois Koch (Lachman, MSD class of 1963) in Staunton, Virginia. The ring is on display in the museum along with other graduates' rings.

# 2004 MSD Football Report



First row: Angelo, Jon, Johnny, Carlos, David, Jarrell, Brian, Matt. Center row: Manager Billy, Tars, Eagle Mascot, Kevin, Eagle Mascot, Nick, Manager Brent. Back row: Coach Michael Eldred, Brannndon, Cory, Dylan and Assistant Coach Charles Galbreath. *Note: The two eagles pictured in the center are not football players but represent MSD's mascot.*

## SCOREBOARD

Sept. 11	MSD	22	Oklahoma	30
Sept. 18	MSD	32	Arkansas	76
Sept. 25	MSD	24	Kansas	69
Oct. 2	MSD	32	Wisconsin	26
Oct. 9	MSD	0	Minnesota	66
Oct. 16	MSD	28	Louisiana	66
Oct. 23	MSD	16	Iowa	58



Above: The Eagles show their blocking form as they rush the Leopards.



## Red Flag Football

Left — Front row: Zakary, Tadd, DaShawn, Kenrick. Back row: Coach Brad Drew, Dominic, Heather, Donte, Zach, Cody, Jerome, Tyler and Coach Brian Body (RA).





Fall Homecoming was held against long-time rival Kansas School for the Deaf; the festivities included a dance and a pizza party. At halftime the King and Queen were crowned. Homecoming Court included Superintendent Barbara Garrison, Dylan, Monielle, King Brannndon, Queen Helen, Kyle, Rachel, Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean, with Ariana and Scottie (in the foreground) serving as award bearers.



Fall Cheerleaders — First row: Kathleen, Frannie, Stephanie, LaDaya. Second row: Tonya, Chetara, Monielle, Anjoylen. Back row: Kira (Drummer), Coach Debbie Burnaman and Lanai.

## DeafSportszine Honors

Senior, Cory (top) and Junior Defense Lineman Dylan (bottom) received All American honors from DeafSportszine this season.





# High School Girls' Volleyball



First row: Frannie, Kathleen, Anjoylen, LeDaya, Chetara, Monielle. Second row: Kira, Deidre, Helen. Back row: Bethany, Tonya, manager; LaToya, manager.



**Ella Washington**  
*Head Coach*



**Nancy Carr**  
*Assistant Coach*



Top left: Coach Ella Washington gets the girls excited about the game as Assistant Coach Nancy Carr gives her support in the background.

Left: Kathleen is in position to set the ball.

Above: Deidre passes the ball as teammates prepare to assist.







MSD hosted the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Volleyball Tournament with the following teams participating: Iowa School for the Deaf, New Mexico School for the Deaf, Missouri School for the Deaf, Minnesota Academy for the Deaf and Kansas School for the Deaf. The 2004 Championship went to Minnesota, Runner Up went to Kansas and Third Place went to New Mexico School for the Deaf. The Serve Competition Championship went to Minnesota. Helen was named All Tournament Team Player for Missouri (pictured in the inset). Serving Competition: MN 13.4, NM 13.0, MO 12.5 and KS, IA 10.3. Sportmanship Award went to New Mexico. MSD was complimented by the Missouri State High School Activities Association on the organization and implementation of the GPSD Volleyball Tournament.

## Junior Varsity Volleyball



Front row: Rachel, Brenda, Paige. Middle row: Rochelle. Back row: Coach Karen Barnhart, Valen, EmmaLee, Ashley and Heather.



Coach Barnhart gives the girls a pep talk

The Middle School girls' volleyball team was undefeated during the 2004 season. The team was led by eighth grader Ashley who demonstrated team spirit, dedication, and a positive attitude. Valen was the most improved player this year. Valen was unable to practice for several weeks, but, after she joined the team she quickly developed into a tough competitor. By the end of the season there were only five MSD girls remaining on the team. In order to compete, Rachel, daughter of Bob and Ella Washington, joined our team for the games. Thank you, Rachel, for your help and support.

The 2004 Middle School volleyball team had talent and will continue to develop during the high school years. They should be a competitive threat in the future for the high school games to come.

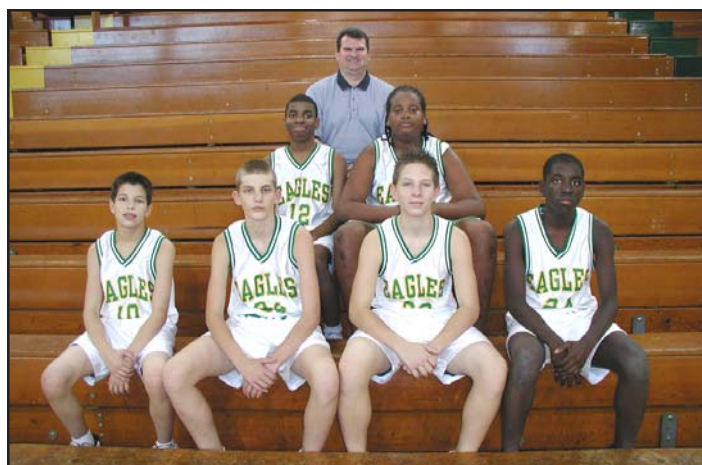
—Karen Barnhart



# Boys' Basketball



**VARSITY** — First row: Coach Kevin Voelker, Nick, Cory, Coach Michael Eldred. Second row: Brian, Carlos, Kevin. Third row: Brent, support; Kyle, Jon, Dylan, Matthew, Nathan, support. Fourth row: Jarrell, Angelo, David, Damon and Johnny.



**Above: MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL** — First row: Dominic, Tyler, Cody, Donte. Second row: Brandyn, LaJuan. Top row: Coach Brian Body.

**Right: MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY** — Kneeling: Brandon, Dominic. Standing: Tyler, Cody, Donte and Coach Bob Washington.





# Girls' Basketball



Above: **HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM** — Following the M left to right: Haley, Anjoylen, Kathleen, Chetara, LeDaya, Frannie, Kira, Monielle, Deidre and Helen. Top row: Coach Kevin Voelker, Coach Michael Eldred and Manager Stephanie.



Top right: **JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM** — Bottom to top: Ashley, Paige, Heather, EmmaLee, Rochelle, Brenda and Coach Leslie Eldred.



Bottom right: **JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS** — Paige, Brenda, Ashley and standing Rochelle.



Left: **HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** — First row: Haley, Kira, Frannie. Second row: Monielle and Deidre. Standing Coach Jill Haus, Our Eagle and Coach Debbie Burnaman.



# Winter Homecoming



Homecoming Court — Superintendent Barbara Garrison, Helen (2004 Fall Queen), Stephanie, Kevin, Queen Monielle, King Nick, Rachel, Damon, Brannndon (2004 Fall King) and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean.

Winter Homecoming was held January 22 against longtime rival Kansas School for the Deaf. Pre-Homecoming activities included a Poster Contest and the annual Spirit Week.

Forty two students submitted posters for the contest that were on display in Harrison Gymnasium. It was considered one of the best displays MSD has ever had. Steven won first place for the Elementary School. Heather was first place winner for Middle School and Ryan was first place winner for the High School.

The theme for Spirit Week was “**Eagles Rock N’ Roll.**” Martin Luther King Day was observed on Monday so there was no school. Tuesday was “Fifties Day” where you would see the girls dressed in poodle skirts, bobby socks, saddle shoes, etc. and the boys wore blue jeans, white t-shirts with their hair slicked back. Wednesday, was Sixties Day where they dressed like The Beach Boys, Hawaiian shirts/ surfing clothes or the Beatles. Thursday was Punk Day and Friday was the traditional Green and Gold Day where all dressed in school colors. The Freshman class won “Spirit Week.”

A Pep Rally was held on Friday afternoon. During half-time of the Girls’ Varsity game there was a special performance by Janet’s Dance Studio of Fulton. At half-time of the Boys’ Varsity game the King and Queen Coronation Ceremony was held with Monielle being crowned as Homecoming Queen and Nick as Homecoming King.

After the games on Saturday evening a Homecoming Dance was held with the guest school, MSD students and staff.

Above right: Ella Washington poses with MSD’s “New Eagle”. (MSD’s new eagle is through the fund-raising efforts of the Parents’ Organization —Thanks MSDPO).

Right: Note the posters in the background — looks like Cory and the Kansas School teammates take time out to “Rock and Roll.”







Above left: Students from Janet's Studio entertained at half-time of the Girls' game. Above right: Jon guards a KSD player.

## Football/Volleyball Schedule 2005

### FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
9/10/05	Oklahoma School for the Deaf (V)	MSD	2:00 p.m.
9/17/05	Wisconsin School for the Deaf (V)	Delavan, WS	2:00 p.m.
9/24/05	Kansas School for the Deaf (V)	Olathe, KS	2:00 p.m.
10/08/05	Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (V)	MSD	2:00 p.m.
10/15/05	Wisconsin School for the Deaf (V)	MSD	2:00 p.m.
10/22/05	Iowa School for the Deaf (V)	Council Bluffs, IA	2:00 p.m.
11/5/05	Arkansas School for the Deaf (V)	Little Rock, AK	2:00 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

9/8/05	Mexico High School 9th/JV	Mexico	6:00 p.m.
9/10/05	Oklahoma School for the Deaf JV/V	MSD	9:00 a.m.
9/12/05	Fatima High School 9th/JV	Fatima	6:00 p.m.
9/17/05	Wisconsin School for the Deaf JV/V	WSD	9:00 a.m.
9/20/05	Southern Boone County High School JV/V	MSD	6:00 p.m.
9/22/05	Chamois High School JV/V	Chamois	6:00 p.m.
9/24/05	Kansas School for the Deaf JV/V	KSD	9:00 a.m.
10/4/05	Linn High School JV/V	Linn	6:00 p.m.
10/7-8/05	GPSD Volleyball Tournament	KSD	TBA
10/11/05	Eugene High School JV/V	MSD	6:00 p.m.
10/15/05	Wisconsin School for the Deaf (Homecoming)	MSD	9:00 a.m.
10/18/05	Chamois High School JV/V	MSD	6:00 p.m.
10/22/05	Iowa School for the Deaf	ISD	9:00 a.m.
10/24-27/05	District	TBA	TBA
11/5/05	Arkansas School for the Deaf	ASD	9:00 a.m.

### CROSS COUNTRY

9/13/05	Linn Invitational	Linn	9:20 a.m.
9/22/05	Belle Invitational	Belle	4:00 p.m.
9/29/05	Moberly Invitational	Moberly	4:00 p.m.
10/05/05	Hermann Invitational	Hermann	4:00 p.m.
10/29/05	District	TBA	TBA

**NOTE: FOR BASKETBALL AND TRACK SCHEDULES GO TO MSD'S WEBPAGE [WWW.MSD.K12.MO.US/HSSPORTS](http://WWW.MSD.K12.MO.US/HSSPORTS)**

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McDavid both of Holts Summit, Missouri, Brent McDavid and his wife Rebecca of Lowell, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Spencer worked as a Dorm Matron for the Missouri School for the Deaf for 24 years. She enjoyed sewing and traveling.

**Charles Walter "Charlie" Harris**, 70, of Fulton, died Sunday, February



13, 2005 at the University Hospital in Columbia.

He was born Sept. 12, 1934 in Fulton, MO, the son of the late Charles H. and Dorothy (Harrison) Harris. In July of 1972, he married Nellie Auline Underwood in Fulton. She survives of the home.

He is also survived by three sons, two daughters, three sisters, eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry F. Harris and one great-granddaughter, Taylor Page Allen.

He served in the US Army. He had worked for many years in the Maintenance Department at the Missouri School For The Deaf and retired in 1996. He was a member of the Richland Baptist Church in Kingdom City. He was an avid mechanic and enjoyed camping, fishing and the great outdoors.

Funeral services were held at Debo Funeral Home in Fulton with Rev. Larry Paris officiating. Burial was in Callaway Memorial Gardens.

## William Bill Hamilton

William L. "Bill" Hamilton, 82 of Fulton, died Friday March 11, 2005 at the Fulton Manor Care Center in Fulton.

He was born June 2, 1922, to the late J. Brown and Sarah LeCompte Hamilton of Fulton. On March 23, 1946, he married Charlotte Rose Farquhar. Charlotte is a retired registered nurse, and has interpreted for the deaf many years. She is the daughter of Grover and Ethel Farquhar, long time teachers at MSD. She survives of the home.

He is survived by two sons, William Brown Hamilton of Huntington Beach, California and John Farquhar Hamilton of Columbia; a daughter, Martha Jo Hamilton of Fulton; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton, with interment in Hillcrest Cemetery in Fulton. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church, 6 East 7th Street, Fulton, MO.

## Sam Whittle Receives Arkansas Ability Award

On October 4, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, the Governor's Commission for People with Disabilities, and Snell Prosthetic and Orthodic Laboratory co-sponsored the second annual Arkansas Ability Awards Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas

One of the nine people honored was AAD board member, Sam Whittle, of Jonesboro. Sam is a Missouri School for the Deaf graduate, Class of 1961. Sam is a computer technician who works for the city of Jonesboro. Sam, a graduate of Gallaudet University, worked as a computer operator for INOVA Health Systems, a hospital business in Washington, D.C. He decided to take early retirement and move closer to his mother who is 82 and lives in Hayti, MO. Sam attended the Missouri School for the Deaf and graduated in the Class of 1961.

—Deaf Arkansan  
Arkansas Association of the Deaf

## Interpreter's Conference

At the annual Interpreter's Conference held at the Lake of the Ozarks, Harold Hankins and Marthada Reed received Lifetime Achievement Awards and Tara Bennett received the Interpreter Evaluator of the Year Award.



Harold Hankins received his award from Leslie Hall.



Marthada Reed receives her award from Missouri School for the Deaf Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean.



Scott Reed 2003 MCDHH Deaf Evaluator of the Year presented Tara Bennett with the 2005 MCDHH Deaf Evaluator of the Year Award.



## **“Night of the Livid Dead”**

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lights dim, the curtain opens, and the audience quiets. The stage is set and the play begins. But something is different. The actors aren't delivering their lines aloud. Instead, they are using their hands to talk. These actors are high school students performing “The Night of the Livid Dad,” one of several deaf drama productions at the Missouri School for the Deaf.

For the past several weeks, students in Lucille Blackwell's drama class have been rehearsing for their upcoming play. Blackwell, a partially deaf high school English teacher from Long Beach, California said she is glad the program is back after several years of being dormant.

Blackwell said deaf drama is similar to normal drama except students act using a different language — sign language. She also said deaf drama is very visually based. She said it relies heavily on action to create more movement and to cut out a lot of the talking. In addition, she said the signing must be exaggerated so the audience can see what the actors are saying.

Blackwell said deaf drama allows her students to read actively by editing the script and making changes in it to compensate for the lack of sound effects they can use on stage. As an English teacher, she said this hones her students' English skills.

Blackwell said, “people should see the play, it is a cultural experience.

## **Soaring Eagle Award**

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teachers' jobs easier by her willingness to work with anyone and takes advantage of every opportunity to learn.

**March, Laura Rice** — We feel Laura deserves to be employee of the month because she is the hardest working supervisor on campus. She takes the time to get to know her staff and is always willing to listen and lend a helping hand. Laura is a hands-on supervisor.

## **American Society for Deaf Children 2005 Conference**

### **“Bridging the Rivers of Change”**

**July 9-13, 2005**

**Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf  
in Pittsburgh, PA**

The conference is designed to help families build the bridges necessary for their children to become their best, and in the process, to help families to build bridges with other families. We find that the concerns, issues and challenges faced by families of deaf and hard of hearing children are no different from one state to the next.

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She doesn't ask her staff to do anything that she has not done herself. Her positive attitude reflects in all that she does!"

## **High School Art Teacher Honored at Art Exhibition**

MSD High School art teacher, Debora Ripley (pictured right), was selected as a participant in the Missouri Art Teacher's Exhibition on display at William Woods University (WWU). Mrs. Ripley won the Creative Award for her untitled watercolor, acrylic. The exhibition was held February 17-



March 17 in the Cox Gallery on the WWU campus.

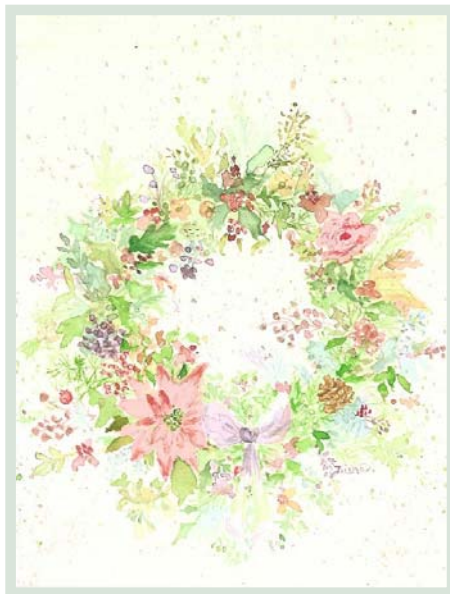
The Missouri Art Teacher's Exhibit honors outstanding art teachers for their service to the community as well as for their artistic ability.

**Congratulations Debora!**

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*The wreath was designed and  
painted by Trish Halverson,  
Middle School teacher who died  
this past summer.*